whom the commonwealth cannot be If this boldness go on, they will accuse judges, and lastly the seat of justice itself That all justices should be thus generally taxed, this is mere barbarism indeed , when her Majesty shall have understanding thereof, it \\ill be no content unto her, and a scandal to them all

Hereupon Mr. GlasscocL declared that he spake only of the inferior sort of justices commonly called * basket justices *

Sir Robert Wroth said, [c] I think the office of justice of peace is too good a calling for him that exclaims against it, and I think he'll ne'er have the honour to have it It were good that they were named and that he told who they were , otherwise honest men •will be loath to serve the Queen, when they shall be slandered without proof Therefore I would he might answer it at the Bar [5]

And all said, [e] No, no '

^ih December THE EARL OF NORTHUMBERLAND

It is observed in Court that the Lord Cobham, Sir Walter Ralegh and my Lord of Northumberland (whose enemies call them the Diabolical Triplicity) meet ever} day at Durham House about some consultation , which moveth the best wits of the town to watch what shall ensue thence The Earl of Northumberland now professeth to be of ttiat party which is against the King of Scots' title to the Crown, insomuch that he told his wife that he had rather the King of Scots were buried than crowned, and that both he and all his friends would end their lives before her brother's great god should reign in his element The Lady replied that rather than any other than King James should ever reign in this place she would rather eat their hearts in salt though she were brought to the gallows

instantly My Lord replied that Mr Secretary had too much wit ever to live under a man that had foreign stock, having been so fortunate under a woman that was tractable and to be counselled The Lady told him that he need not long triumph upon her poor brother's mishap, for if he kept in this mind she could expect no better end of him than the same or a worse destiny Thus being newly reconciled, even to bedding to-gether, which hath not been these two years, they parted again in passion. But after ten days he came again, not in affection,